

THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS'

MILLENNIAL STAR.

"For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble; and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up, as calves of the stall."—MALACHI 4: 1-2.

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APOSTLE FRANCIS M. LYMAN'S ADDRESS.

MY beloved brother, Platte D. Lyman, your late President, and his Counsellors, James L. McMurrin and Henry W. Naisbitt, having departed from this land after a lengthy and satisfactory mission, the responsibility thereof now devolves upon your humble servant for Christ's sake, and that Elders and Saints may understand my position, I quote a few lines from my letter of appointment, as given by President Lorenzo Snow, and his Counsellor Joseph F. Smith:

"Elder Platte D. Lyman having been released from his labors to return home, you have been called and appointed to succeed him as President of the European Mission. It will now become your duty to take charge, as President of the Mission, of all interests connected therewith; to see that the Gospel is preached, as far as possible, throughout the nations where the Elders now labor, and, as the Lord shall open the way, to seize any new opportunities which may present themselves for the introduction of the Gospel to regions where it has not yet been preached. In short, we desire you to go forth as a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, fully equipped for the discharge of every duty connected with your calling, and to preside with wisdom and dignity over all the affairs of the Church in those nations, with full power to regulate anything connected therewith, and to make such changes and appointments as may in your judgment, under the direction of the Spirit of the Lord, be necessary for the welfare, spread and prosperity of the work of the Lord and the warning of the people in the field where you labor, and over whom you are appointed to preside.

"We desire to impress upon you that the law of the Lord with regard to the tithings of the Saints should be remembered and taught, both by yourself and by the brethren laboring among the churches in Great Britain and the Continent of Europe. Also that the strictest economy should be

urged upon the Elders in the management of the means that may pass through their hands, and also in the conduct of affairs by yourself at the office of the mission in Liverpool."

These are my duties, and I expect to carry out the same by the help of the Lord and the inspiration of His holy spirit, and I rely on the Presiding Elders and the general ministry aiding me with all their might, that our labor may not be in vain in the Lord. I expect to visit in turn all the Conferences in the Mission, both in Britain and on the Continent. I expect, also, to regulate and counsel with the Priesthood, and to make my report to the authorities at home as fast and as far as my opportunities will permit. I have the welfare of the entire Mission at heart, I want to see it prosper and thrive, so that this great latter-day work may fulfil and accomplish all that the Prophets have spoken and that the Lord desires. I hope to become acquainted with many of the Saints, and to find them diligent, faithful, obedient and progressive; they will have my faith, prayers and blessings; I hope to have theirs, and I want to see them more and more interested in aiding the Elders, by inviting to our meetings their kindred and friends; I hope to hear of their attention to the "Word of Wisdom;" I want them to understand the principle of tithing, I want them to be honest, prayerful, true and alive, to be co-workers with the local and traveling Priesthood, with myself as President of this great Mission, and with Prophets and Apostles of this dispensation.

The Lord has given us a great work to do, and we have had a grand program prepared for us. We want to work to that with mutual confidence and goodwill, making our example felt wherever we are, loving the theory of the Gospel, but giving our lives to its manifestations in our own souls, so that we may stand approved.

We shall be with you as long as the Lord sees fit, we are here by His divine call, we shall remain until He says, "enough," and now extend to me your hearty co-operation, that the work may prosper in our hands, that there may be a great ingathering of such as shall be saved.

I regret your loss of the services of my predecessors, though change of laborers characterizes the latter-day work, but in all such we must learn to transfer our love, faith, confidence and support to whomsoever the Lord may appoint to seek our welfare and build up His kingdom. When we do this, all will be well, and as we do it I ask the Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, to smile upon and bless you all.

I am, in the Gospel and for its sake, your friend and brother,

FRANCIS M. LYMAN.

FAITH IN DIVINE SCIENCE.

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Still further suggestive and progressive in the path of divine life, is that promised "Gift of the Holy Ghost," which comes by the "laying on of hands;" it is exceedingly doubtful whether human philosophy or the science of the schools, will ever attain to a comprehension of this subtle influence, or discover its characteristics by any method of analysis known

to the laboratory; all known elements, whether solid or fluid, are detected and controlled by law, their property and action can only be determined when obedience to the law of their being is made known and applied. And that there is something mysterious in the action of this element called the Holy Spirit, is evident from the words of Jesus, who said, "The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, or whither it goeth; so is every one that is born of the Spirit!" In this ordinance of "the laying on of hands," there may be no outward manifestation, no visible transmission of this subtle, yet vital and veritable gift; nothing more may be realized at the time save that of wondrous, unexplainable calm and peace; but like the little leaven whose action finally leavens the whole lump, so in time all the "fruits of the Spirit," as spoken of by ancient recipients and testified of in our day, are the manifest evidences of its potency and reality. Chemical and spiritual affinities are somewhat similar in this, that, "like cleaveth unto like," and the spirit of life and light finds no lodgment where the heart is non-receptive, or its active forces are in opposition to that which is divine.

The sceptic disclaims any allegiance of thought or belief to that which he calls supernatural, or beyond the range of common experience, and there are those professing to be so utterly matter-of-fact in their composition, that they will not believe, they will not accept that which they cannot comprehend! As all true science is justified of the experiments of its students and professors, so is every righteous law justified by the obedience of each willing soul; else it could never have been said, "Ye will not come unto me, that ye may have eternal life," or that ye may have it more abundantly. This non-action on the part of the unbeliever abroad, is probably less to be deplored, than is the indifference and lack of active participation among our youth at home; to the former, testimony is not continuous, traveling missionaries come and go, and they are mainly unknown to those whom they address; but in Utah we "live and move and have our being" in the atmosphere of testimony—the testimony of our fathers, our mothers, our friends, who, having "tasted of the good word of life," are intensely solicitous, that all the youth of modern Israel should have this abiding testimony for themselves. These are charged, that this only comes by faith, obedience and perseverance, and yet in many there are objections; such a course is inadmissible on any basis of reckoning, and the only excuse—when such there are—consists, as asserted, in an inability to connect the required act and the reception of the blessing. Yet the weary man, anxious to be at rest and peace, acts from a different standpoint; for the first time he sees the electric cars on the streets, they are a mystery to him, he does not understand the nature of the propelling force, he cannot see it, does not know how it is applied, yet as it waits there, some one testifies that if he gets aboard, it will take him home. Faith in that testimony brings the blessing, and he would be deemed a fool to-day who would deny himself a ride until he understood the nature of electric force.

Our senses, based on materiality or that which is substantial, cannot

always discern the elements around us. We are environed by an atmosphere which reaches many miles overhead; it is asserted by scientists that it rests upon man at the seaboard with a pressure of fifteen pounds to the square inch; owing to the elevation this may be less dense in Utah, but in either case we cannot see it with the natural eye; though the scientist may weigh, analyze and separate its constituent parts, millions there are who inhale it every moment, and do not know it; even its pressure would be denied were it not exhibited in the simoom, the cyclone, the hurricane, by its dire effects. Still more ethereal is the perfume of a flower, the odor of musk; had these a voice, they would claim density for atmosphere beyond compare with that of themselves; infinitesimal must be their atomic parts, since no method known to science can detect by weight any difference in a piece of musk though it may have thrown off particles of odor for ten or twenty years. The essential spirit-man is doubtless still more rare and refined than this; for no common human eye hath ever beheld the real—the spirit-man; myriads have passed away subject to the most intense observation of friends, yet none of these ever witnessed the exit of that mysterious, subtle yet organized individually of spirit which constitutes the living, thinking man, that which simply utilizes a denser element to bring his intelligence into communion with the more crude material things.

It is difficult to realize how even the resurrected body bids defiance to the laws which are to us familiar, or to tell how the Savior passed into the room where the disciples were assembled, when "the doors were shut;" or how he finally set aside the universal (?) law of gravity, when those "men of Galilee" stood gazing up into heaven, "until a cloud received the Master out of sight." Human wisdom, human experience, human comprehension, stands awe-smitten while thinking of that rarest of all elements in the universe—the Holy Spirit of God; that which is the light, life and intelligence of all the worlds that are or will be; diffused in and through all things, it is a lawgiver, a revealer, yet subject to the law itself, and only claiming an abiding place and increase in man, in proportion as he entertains its monitions and purifieth himself as God is pure. "It will not dwell in unholy temples," it "will not always strive with man," and even the Father only seeketh such to worship Him, as do so, "in spirit and in truth."

Now this benign, this intelligent, this refining spirit is given to man in the Gospel by "the laying on of hands;" feeble in action mayhap in the beginning, but the demonstration, the testimony of that fact is just as patent to observation and to some of the finer sensibilities of man as is atmospheric commotion to the ear and eye, proximity of perfume and flowers to the olfactory nerves, enjoyment of a variety of food by the nerves of taste, electric force by the actual transmission of a message on the wires, or the transportation of the physical or material things, the making of bread by the housewife, soap making, butter production, or any other of the processes of science, whether in chemistry or natural philosophy—in higher or lowlier things.

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IS THE EARTH ALIVE?

THE question whether the earth can be considered a living organism, has been put by a Russian contributor to the *Revue Scientifique*. He argues that superficially considered, our planet might be regarded as part of a very simply constructed system, whose constituents parts and motions are easily accounted for, but closer investigation shows life with numerous and complicated functions. As quoted by the *Literary Digest*, the Russian author says in part:

"With the progress of perfected methods of observation we are discovering very minute vibrations, with the conviction that these pulsations constitute one of the characteristic peculiarities of the life of our planet. The earth's crust pulsates, the atmosphere is animated with pulsative force. Eschengagen has discovered small vibrations in the movement of the magnetic elements. Some scientists connect these with the electro-magnetic perturbations that take place in the sun. Julius West, who has observed the alteration of pressure by means of the very sensitive barometer devised by Hefner, has found that the barometer curve is wrinkled with infinitesimal waves. Pulsation has been proved to exist in earth currents of electricity, and it seems to exist in the modifications of intensity of the solar radiation, as the examination of actinographic photographs shows us. The progress of terrestrial phenomena, represented graphically, generally appears in undulatory curves which themselves are made up of finer undulations. It is a sort of pulse-beat of the physical life. These vibrations are but a reflection of the varied pulsations that cause the whole universe to vibrate in all directions and whose presence is a sign of life.

"In the vital system of our planet, as in a living organism, the divers functions and elements are closely connected by certain laws.

"As in the living organism there is constant mutation of the vital forces, so in the organization of our planet we see an uninterrupted exchange of energy, brought about by mechanical, calorific, and electric currents.

"Like a living organism, the earth in its individual life reflects the influence of exterior agents—feels the influence of the cosmos, to which it is united by a thousand ties."

The author regards this view of the planet as new, but as a matter of fact it was held, we believe, by some of the philosophers of the earliest ages, although of course, not based on strictly scientific observations. But whether new, or not, it would lend added meaning to the remarkable passages in the Doctrine and Covenants, which declare that:

"The earth filleth the measure of its creation and transgresseth not the law; wherefore it shall be sanctified; yea, notwithstanding it shall die, it shall be quickened again and shall abide the power by which it is quickened and the righteous shall inherit it."—p. 308.

Also that "the earth shall be transfigured and become in its sanctified and immortal state, like unto crystal and a Urim and Thummin to the inhabitants who dwell thereon."—p. 460.

The Prophet Joseph is said to have practically anticipated the change of views that possibly may take place in the scientific world on this subject,

by declaring on one occasion that "the earths breathes." Science may some time be able to define in more minute detail the processes that cannot be explained on the supposition of mechanical changes, but it cannot state any clearer the general principle itself, that the earth may be considered "a living organism." The author quoted has said no more than this brief sentence expresses, although he goes as far as to declare that the earth "is animated by an individual existence, it possesses own personal physiognomy and that most of its processes are born and worked out in the limits of its own atmosphere.

AMONG THE CONFERENCES.

CONFERENCE morning for the 19th, at Chorley, was a very pleasant one as all the residents emerged from "42" in order to catch the early train, Apostle Lyman, with his brother, President Platte D. Lyman, and Elders Henry W. Naisbitt, McDermott, Haws, Davis, Greaves and Gorman, with Sisters Wilmot, Thwaites, Hislop, Emily Povey and Mrs. Moor. The latter crowded the adjoining compartment to the brethren, and spent the trip in singing the songs of Zion, while the brethren indulged in conversation and observation as we whirled past lovely gardens, green fields, industrial buildings of different kinds, coal mines, etc. Spring flowers were in the meadows, but the bloom was fading from the fruits, and instead thereof there was the fragrant thorn, purple lilac and the flaunting tulip, all to the music of the church bell. After change at Wigan we arrived at our destination, to be greeted by President Facer and several of the brethren, all anxious to see the new arrivals and escort us to the usual rooms in interesting Chorley.

It was surely a day of days, the Saints were as eager as the spirit was willing, so the day proved to be a feast of fat things. The speaking was to the point, timely, instructive, and refreshing. Apostle Lyman's initial speech demonstrated the spirit and power of his Apostleship; it was kindly yet decided, fatherly, earnest, unmistakable, and a veritable prophecy of what may be expected when it shall permeate fully all the Conferences of the Mission.

The Liverpool Conference felt a little proud of this honor—to be the first for the visit of the new President. To meet the situation arrangements had been made by President Facer and the brethren for lunch and tea at the old stand, for it not only saved the Saints the trouble of preparing and bringing that which they needed, but it was as before said a time of social as well as religious enjoyment, for it always seems a pleasant thing to see the Saints all sit down together and become familiar with each other, unity of feeling and unity of spirit being nearer akin to each other than is sometimes thought.

The Conference was excellent in spirit, and the Priesthood meeting was a fine culmination to what Brother Davis (now laboring in Liverpool) claims "to be the best Conference he ever attended." We enjoyed a walk between meetings around the clean, little town. The landscape is a beautiful one, and in the streets we noted an unusual number of clean-looking,

well-dressed and non-smoking sons of men. We fancied we saw a fertile field for evangelism if there was faith enough and patience in breaking that shell which is over men generally, and at times over even the Elders in the field of the world. Being detained on Monday afternoon a little later than the party, we lost one train, but took the next, and had as a pleasant companion Elder Argyle. We called at Moses' Gate, visiting there our cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Naisbitt, taking refreshment and spending an enjoyable hour or two, then left Brother Argyle in Bolton, and journeyed alone to "42," musing on the way of chances, accidents and occurrences, which come as much unsought as unexpected.

ON Saturday, the 25th of May, for a special meeting in Bradford, we left Liverpool at 1:30. Being Whitsuntide and Bank Holiday combined, everybody seemed on the move, and the trains are generally crowded with people rushing hither and thither as ants seem to rush around their little city or country; but all was well, and but two stops until the train reached Halifax, when the scribe separated himself. Apostle and Sister Lyman, President Platte D. Lyman and Elder Alex. Buchanan went on to Bradford, where we found them hearty on the following morning.

Leeds has been called the banner Conference of the British Mission, and it came to be utilized on this date (which was set for the Birmingham Conference, because the latter thought the holidays would interfere with their success), and when the morning dawned cold, and the Saints appeared few in the large Temperance Hall, it was almost with misgiving that some looked upon the situation; but the Saints were not to be so easily balked of an unexpected privilege, and the later, particularly the evening meeting, was almost a surprise. It was a surprise, indeed, to many strangers and inquirers, who heard the truth in unusual plainness, as well as unusual power. From the surrounding towns the Saints came, and they stayed with it to the last, being fed spiritually, while the outer or physical man was refreshed under favorable circumstances. Then meeting was renewed and ended with quite an ovation, not only on Sabbath, but on the following day at Priesthood meeting, from which it seemed exceedingly difficult to separate and hard to say good-bye. Extra interest was attached to these meetings as Presidents of Conferences from Nottingham, Newcastle and Grimsby, also Brother and Sister Brinton from Sheffield and other Elders made President Benson feel as if his Bishopric had become suddenly yet agreeably enlarged.

This being our last Conference and meeting, save one with our local brethren and the usual office associates of the famous—and to us soon but a place of memory, dear from association, personal and otherwise, the Mecca of many a thousand—unforgotten "42." Here we have associated with three Apostles of the Lord in His work, and with not a few good men besides, whose love and friendship we have esteemed dearer than life, and who have become sanctified and glorified in memory for their zeal, fidelity and continuity in the same eternal work.

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THE society of ladies is the school of politeness.—MONTFORT.

THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS' MILLENNIAL STAR.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 1901.

THE RETIRING PRESIDENCY.

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS,

More than two and a half years have flown with the rapidity of a weaver's shuttle, since we arrived as per appointment to take charge of the European Mission, with its manifold interests, languages and Elders, of whom there was near five hundred on our arrival.

Our predecessors had barely time to give more than a bare outline of the varied interests at stake, and we had to gradually learn the details of arrivals and departures, of Presiding officers, and their associate Elders, consequently there had to be Conference visiting both in Great Britain and on the Continent; added to this were the emigration matters, to which we were truly strangers.

We have had the sympathy, faith and aid of all the Priesthood, particularly of the presiding officers, and most certainly the good feeling of the traveling ministry, whom we have met and whose oral reports we have studied at the several Conferences, and especially the monthly reports which have often been the key to an understanding of active work and diligence of the brethren, and the test of their industry and faith.

Since we reached these shores, some seven hundred and fifty missionaries have signed the register at this office, besides a great many visitors for business, social or religious purposes. Over a million tracts have been distributed each year in the British mission alone, and that by the Elders from door to door, exclusive of great numbers given away in the streets and elsewhere, or sold or loaned; the total is simply astounding, for it means one tract for every one-fortieth of this teeming population annually.

Conferences, district and special services outside of the regular local meetings have been held, and in the united mission not less than 3,800 have been baptized. In the meantime, President Lyman has personally attended to the emigration ever since this was done in Liverpool, and this involved quite an amount of anxiety, until like all other matters, it ran smoothly by familiarity.

The zeal and diligence of the Elders has certainly been remarkable, for it has not been under any pressure whatever, and this work has been ably seconded by the new converts, as well as by those of longer experience; each one seemed to assume this responsibility because they have received the unerring testimony of the divine spirit which has been so graciously manifested in Great Britain and on the Continent.

President Lyman took the round of the Continental mission near two years ago, so that he might understand more fully the workings and prospects in those distant fields. His visit was a great success, and since that time President McMurrin has gone twice over the same ground, the last time with Sister Booth as an acceptable aid, and the effect has been very marked all over the Continental field. Elder Naisbitt has attended more fully of late to the STAR and to Conference work at home. It is gratifying to record also the kindness and hospitality of the Saints generally. We appreciate their generous feelings, their faith, prayers and good works, and they have had and still possess our best feelings and blessing, many pleasant memories have grown out of our association, and many a thought and prayer will be given for the Saints in these lands, and for their continuance in well-doing to their final deliverance, exaltation and glory.

We leave the Mission, we are proud to say, in a healthy condition, though under the administration of Apostle Francis M. Lyman we feel assured that changes may be made, and improvement quickened as he travels from place to place. We tender unitedly our warmest thanks to our brethren, for they have given us their full confidence and trust, and we never expect to read or hear of them save with feelings of intense interest and gratification, as they advance in honor and influence in the land of Zion, or failing in this with unqualified sorrow and regret; but we rest, simply urging them to a continuance in well-doing, to the living of a consecrated life, for the Lord has been with them here, and He will be with them as long as humility, faith and earnest work characterizes their missionary or future experience. We bless them as we bless the Saints, we hope to hear of unity, progress and increase from time to time, and we hope, even when absent, to have an abiding place in the hearts of the good and true, as we have had this during our enjoyable if responsible and anxious position while we have labored in and for the European Mission.

In conclusion we feel to invoke the blessings of God upon all, and trust that His Holy Spirit may ever be with you, to the end that you may be saved eternally in God's kingdom of glory.

Your brethren in the Gospel,

PLATTE D. LYMAN, President.

JAMES L. McMURRIN, }
HENRY W. NAISBITT, } Counselors.

PRESIDENT McMURRIN'S RETURN.—President James L. McMurrin and Sister Josephine D. Booth, whose peregrinations for the past three months have been keenly watched by readers of the STAR, returned from the Continent last Friday morning, and went direct from Grimsby to Edinburgh, where they visited friends and kindred, and then on to Glasgow. President McMurrin returned to "42" Monday evening, looking and feeling the embodiment of health and strength. He says they had a grand time, and were treated royally everywhere. The Elders and Saints seemed to vie with each other in bestowing attentions, and so much appreciated was their short stay, that it was with difficulty they were able to steal away. President McMurrin is greatly pleased with conditions in all the Con-

tinental Conferences, and looks for a splendid harvest during the year now well upon us.

A PRECIOUS CARGO.—The s.s. *New England*, sailing from this port to-day, had among its passengers a host of stalwart missionaries. Heading the list was our beloved presidency, Elders Lyman, McMurrin and Naisbitt, whose services have been of such great value to the cause of truth throughout the European Mission. Then there was President Henry B. Thompson of the Scottish Conference, whose untiring efforts have won for him laurels in that section; and with him two of those faithful handmaidens whose names have graced our records for some time past—Sisters Booth and Frame of Provo and Murray respectively. Along with them was Sister Jean Clara Holbrook of Provo, whose earnest efforts have been felt for good in London, and whose place in that section will be filled by Sister Penfold from Scotland; also Sister Lydia D. Alder of Salt Lake, whose experience of many years in the Church has been well exerted in and about the great metropolis, together with Sister Alice Farnsworth of Beaver, whose devotion to the cause of truth is exemplified in her voluntary services as a humble teacher of righteousness. The company also included a dozen or more of just as faithful missionaries as those mentioned, the enumeration of whose names our limited space positively forbids. May all have a pleasant journey and a safe return to friends and loved ones.

WE have had the privilege of reading a very interesting letter to Apostle Lyman from Elder George Reynolds, whose long-time association with the Sabbath school interests is so familiar to us all. In the reorganization of the Board he has now been appointed as First Counselor to General Superintendent Lorenzo Snow. In this letter a request is made for this Mission to furnish photos of some of the best Sunday school buildings, with a group of children outside, and as a matter of information, the number of teachers, scholars and methods; probably also their origin and past or present officers and prospects. As these are desired for publication in the well known *Juvenile Instructor*, brevity will be a matter of necessity without being unduly short.

Apostle Lyman is deeply interested in this representation, and while realizing that these organizations with us are comparatively few and small, there are several of great promise and efficiency which he should like to hear from, whether in England, Switzerland, Holland, Germany or Scandinavia, and Presidents of Conferences and Superintendents are cordially invited to give this their attention. The photos need not be large, as they will of course have to be reduced to proper size in Salt Lake City.

PRESIDENT PLATTE D. LYMAN had the pleasure of receiving a characteristic and welcome letter from friend J. N. Thompson, of Cardiff, who at the time of writing was on the s.s. *Ontario* of Quebec, Canada. As usual he took the opportunity of manfully contending with a reverend gentleman in favor of the Latter-day Saints and its representatives. Mr. Thompson has our thanks for this and many other favors of a similar

character nearer home. We hope to hear from him again. He is now *en route* to the "Mormon" colonies in the district of Cardston.

As a means of proper identification, it is requested that hereafter all correspondence to this office be accompanied by the first Christian name in full, of all parties mentioned therein. Let the brethren and sisters observe this, as the bare initials, being so much alike in many cases, often lead to confusion.

CONGRATULATIONS.—We must congratulate Brother and Sister Frame of the Scottish Conference on the acquisition of a fine baby girl secured in Glasgow. The little tot starts out in life under very favorable circumstances, besides being a much appreciated and highly-prized appendage to the Frame household.

The STAR invites from the missionaries of the various Conferences brief items of their experiences, the intention being to publish them from week to week. As our space is limited they should be confined strictly to the incidents mentioned, in order that they may prove interesting to our readers generally.

PRESIDENTS of Conferences in Continental Europe will please send to this office at their earliest convenience, a complete list of all Elders released on account of illness during the past thirty months.

ARRIVALS.—The following Elders from Zion arrived per s.s. *New England*, on Thursday the 30th ult.: For Great Britain—William D. Roberts, Provo. For Germany—William D. Levi, Beaver City; Roy A. Walker, Bloomington, Idaho. For Scandinavia—Andrew E. Anderson, Murray; David W. Thompson, Ephraim; Niels L. Larson, Afton, Wyoming.

WITH the same company there arrived as visitors to Great Britain, Sisters Jessie C. Gray of St. George, Utah, Annie Elizabeth Barradale and Ellen A. Purt of Salt Lake City, and Jane Turner and Edna H. Turner of Murray, the two latter being the mother and wife respectively of Elder A. H. Turner of the Liverpool Conference. There were also with the company Sister Ruth Evelyn Moench of Ogden, who comes to pursue studies in Germany, and Brother Peter Hansen of Salt Lake City, who will engage in genealogical research in Denmark. The STAR wishes all a pleasant and profitable sojourn.

APPOINTMENT.—Elder William D. Roberts has been appointed to labor in the Birmingham Conference.

RELEASES.—The following Elders are hereby honorably released to return home per s.s. *Commonwealth*, sailing from Liverpool June 20th: Andrew J. Poulson and David Penman of the Newcastle Conference; Joseph R. Smith of the Leeds; Arthur A. Wood of the Norwich; D. H. Y. McAllister of the London; William Moultrie Worthington of the Scottish; Joseph F. Smith, Jr., of the Nottingham; Fred. J. Morris and Ernest G. Burdett of the

Sheffield; Chris Christensen of the Manchester, and Lewis I. Jenkins of the Liverpool.

TRANSFERS.—Elder Stephen A. Newman has been transferred from the Bristol to labor in the Birmingham Conference, and Elder Joseph Eckersley of the Liverpool Conference has been transferred to the Liverpool office.

CONFERENCE NOTICE.—A District Conference will be held on Sunday, June 16, at St. Albans, in the Clarendon Temperance Hotel Hall, meetings commencing at 10:30 a.m., and 2:30 and 7 p.m. All are cordially invited to attend.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

ON and after this date all communications in any wise relating to the European Mission, should be addressed to President Francis M. Lyman, 42, Islington, Liverpool, to whom also all money orders should be made payable.

ABSTRACT OF CORRESPONDENCE.

THE following letter, written on board the s.s. *Northenden*, en route for Grimsby, under date of the 30th ult., completes President McMurrin's interesting correspondence to President Lyman:

"The last letter I wrote you with reference to my travels and labors was from Bergen. In order to complete the account of my trip, I send you this one, which will be the last. We left Bergen at nine o'clock on Wednesday night, and arrived in Trondhjem early Friday morning, having traveled 1,274 miles from Christiania. The day before our arrival at Trondhjem we had some very rough sailing, and many were sick. In all parts of the ship there were people whose past life was coming up before them. I did not have this experience, but I found it quite difficult to enjoy myself. I was up on deck in the evening hunting fresh air while the ship was rolling furiously. On one occasion it took me unawares and, losing my balance, I went whirling across the deck in a manner that was more desperate than graceful. I found a sudden stopping place, however, on a bench by the railing of the vessel, and, while I came up against it pretty forcibly, striking it with my back with results almost equal to those recounted in 'Burdock's Goat,' yet I thanked the Lord for that railing. It made me think of the colored preacher, who, while engaged delivering a sermon had a man rush into the church and inform him that his house was burned to the ground. 'Is the foundation all right?' asked the preacher. 'Yes,' was the reply. 'Thank the Lord for the foundation,' said our colored friend, and then he called on the congregation to sing, 'How firm a foundation ye Saints of the Lord.' So it was with me on that ship, I felt to thank the Lord for that railing. The most serious result from this experience, however, was the loss of my fountain pen, which, I suppose, was jolted out of my pocket in the collision for I haven't seen it since. This I regret very much for I prized it highly.

"I found a great improvement in the Trondhjem Conference this time as compared with last year. Many strangers attended our meetings. There are only a few Saints in this Conference, but the hall was well filled each time. The good attendance of non-members at each meeting indicates a spirit of inquiry that is very gratifying. A newspaper man who speaks English, and who is well-to-do, came to me at the close of the Sunday evening meeting and talked interestingly and encouragingly of the proceedings of Conference. Before leaving he declared his intention of becoming one of us. He has been investigating for some time, and will be a very valuable acquisition to the Trondhjem branch. Several attacks have been made of late through the newspapers upon the doctrines of the Latter-day Saints. President Ronnow of the Trondhjem Conference has answered them with good results. The priests in Trondhjem succeeded in getting the hall where the Saints meet closed against them. To do so they promised to pay the rent, and on this agreement triumphed; but to the chagrin of the hall owner they failed to keep their word, and now he is lamenting the loss of his money.

"The last Conference was held in Stockholm, and was very successful, although the prejudice against us was so great that the brethren were unable to obtain a suitable hall. The old hall was full, as were also the rooms adjoining it, and we had a very interesting and profitable time.

"The brethren in this Conference have also been compelled to cross swords with their opponents. Two women from Utah have been lecturing against our people, and they have been assisted by some priests and editors. Brothers John Johnson and Joseph J. Cannon have replied to all of these, and their meetings have been well attended. The opposition was very strong, and the brethren felt considerable anxiety in meeting and stemming it; but they have done so ably, and have come out of the contest brighter and better. One of the ladies appeared on the platform dressed in Temple robes, expecting by this to create prejudice against us. To her chagrin, however, the people remarked about their beauty, and how much they were like those of the Savior's in a picture behind the speaker. The result of all these efforts of the adversary is that the work spreads the more opposed, a deeper interest and humility are manifest by the missionaries and the Saints obtain a greater testimony.

"We left Stockholm on Sunday evening after meeting, and went direct to Copenhagen. There we received your message ordering us to Liverpool, and we are now *en route* for that city.

"In conclusion permit me to say with reference to your decision in relation to Sister Booth making the Continental trip, that it was a very wise and happy one. She has received a most royal reception from all the Elders and Saints whom we have visited, and incalculable good has attended and will continue to follow her labors. She was inspired with one burning desire in all her efforts in this direction, and that was to properly represent the daughters of Zion and the cause of truth, and to speak encouraging words to missionaries and Saints. For this she has worked earnestly, fasting and praying much, and the Lord rewarded her humility and faith abundantly. In many meetings her hearers were moved to tears, and in

all they were deeply interested. As I witnessed the loving regard with which she was received on all sides, I thought of the words of the Prophet who said that in a day to come certain ones would be pointed to, and of them it would be said they were born in Zion (Psalm 87: 5), and it seemed to me that this was, at least, a partial fulfilment of that prophecy."

BRISTOL CONFERENCE.

THE Semi-Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Bristol District), convened in 27, St. George's Place, Cheltenham, on Sunday, June 2nd, 1901, President Wm. Horsley presiding.

There were present: Apostle Francis M. Lyman, President Platte D. Lyman of the European Mission; President Niels P. Aagard and Elder Alfred B. Chambers of the Welsh Conference; Elders Delbert W. Parratt and Ernest J. Taylor of the London Conference, and Joseph B. Harris of the Manchester Conference.

10:30 a.m. Singing. Prayer by Elder James Astle. Singing.

After a hearty welcome and a short talk upon the first principles of the Gospel by President Horsley, the statistical report for the six months previous was read as follows: Branches, 5. Missionaries from Zion—Seventies, 11; High Priests, 3. Local Priesthood—Elders, 6; Priests, 1; Deacons, 3; members, 114; children under eight years of age, 10; total number of souls, exclusive of missionaries from Zion, 134. Tracts distributed—from door to door, 18,298; in open-air meetings or otherwise, 22,188. Books distributed, 395. Strangers' houses visited—with first tract only, 5,691; by first invitation, 618. Gospel conversations, 2,735. Meetings held—hall, 407; out-door, 56; Sunday school sessions, 27; M. I. A. sessions, 26; Priesthood, 7. Baptisms—New members, 14; children of members, 1. Ordinations, 4. Confirmations, 15. Children blessed—of Church members, 7; of non-members, 3. Died—over eight years of age, 1. Emigrated—over eight years of age, 1. New subscribers for the STAR, 3.

The general and local authorities of the Church were unanimously sustained.

President Niels P. Aagard of the Welsh Conference spoke with great force on the first principles of the Gospel.

Elder Franklin E. Seal then bore a strong testimony to the divine mission of the Latter-day Saints.

Singing. Benediction by Elder Joseph Weston.

2:30 p.m. Singing. Prayer by Elder Wm. G. Burton. Singing.

Elder John Erdman spoke for a short time on authority.

Elder Henry Matthews testified to the restoration of the Gospel.

Apostle Francis M. Lyman delivered a very impressive sermon on the plan of salvation.

Singing. Prayer by Elder Wm. Howell.

6:30 p.m. Singing. Prayer by Elder Delbert W. Parratt. Singing.

President Platte D. Lyman then spoke with great power on the first principles of the Gospel.

Singing. Benediction by Apostle Francis M. Lyman.

On Monday, at 9 a.m., Priesthood meeting convened, at which the Elders of the Conference reported their labors, the same being highly encouraging for future work in this district. At the meeting it was announced that the headquarters of the Conference would be removed from Bristol to Cheltenham.

The Elders were assigned to labor in their respective districts as follows: Plymouth—Henry Matthews and C. Le Roy Lewis; Stroud—Joseph E. Moyle and Lewis A. Huffaker; Cheltenham—John Erdman, John Cook, Wm. Burton and Wm. Horsley; Swindon—Henry Bolton, James Astle, John Dalley and F. E. Seal; Bristol and Bath—Joseph Weston.

After much good counsel from President Platte D. Lyman and Apostle Francis M. Lyman, one of the best spiritual feasts ever held in the Bristol Conference came to an end.

C. LE ROY LEWIS, Clerk, pro. tem.

IMPORTANT SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING.

PERHAPS one of the most important meetings ever held by the Deseret Sunday School Union Board was that which took place in Salt Lake City Utah, May, 9, 1901. This is made so from the fact that at it the board was reorganized, President Lorenzo Snow being unanimously chosen a member thereof, as well as General Superintendent of Church Sunday Schools. Elders George Reynolds and Joseph Marion Tanner were respectively sustained as his first and second assistants. The reorganization was made necessary through the demise of General Superintendent George Q. Cannon and First Assistant Superintendent Karl G. Maeser, whose kindly instructions have illumined the minds of so many of Zion's children.

At the same meeting President Snow was chosen as editor of the *Juvenile Instructor*—the official organ of Latter-day Saints' Sunday Schools—while Elders Reynolds and Tanner were made assistant editors, and Sister L. L. G. Richards was continued in charge of the "Little Folks" department.

President Snow and aids will have the faith, prayers and support—as did their predecessors—of all the Latter-day Saints in their endeavors to advance the interests of such an important Church auxiliary.

MORAL power is the only enduring grandeur. It is the power that grows in the dark, in the years of unpaid labor and unrequited pain, and that, unobserved, indefatigable, survives the fret and storm of life. God searches through the years, carefully picks out and burnishes the heroic. All else he brushes into oblivion. Into the tissue of this mighty, august humanity enters the long-tried patience that cries not, that meekly endures, and, unseen, unrequited, does its brave work.—REV. C. W. BRADLEY.

WOMEN are not jolly enough. They make too serious a business of life and laugh at its little humors too seldom. Men can stop in the midst of perplexities and have a hearty laugh and it keeps them young. Women cannot and that is one reason why they fade early. Worry not only wrinkles the face, but it wrinkles and withers the mind.

FAREWELL, DEAR BRETHREN!

Farewell, dear brethren, now your work is done;
 Farewell, a faithful race you've surely run;
 Go home to loved ones far across the seas,
 And there enjoy true happiness and peace.

Your deeds, while lab'ring on this foreign strand
 Complete a monument so great and grand
 That all who've come in contact with you here
 Regret your parting—yea, they drop a tear.

But there are those upon another shore,
 Who're longing for your loving smiles once more;
 So we would not deprive them of that bliss,
 Nor would we rob you of affection's kiss.

We've heard with joy and gladness your advice,
 We've drunk it in and hope it will suffice,
 To keep us as true Saints of God should live—
 Above reproach, yet willing to forgive.

We know full well in Whom we have believed,
 We know His spirit can be sorely grieved;
 But we will try with His parental aid
 To walk according to the plan He made.

Dear brethren, from us take the parting hand,
 Speed swiftly o'er deep waters to yon land
 Where Zion's sons in rich effulgence shine,
 Where daughters have a virtue that's divine.

And if perchance we never meet you more
 Upon this sphere of action—miles galore,
 We'll meet again in that blest land more sweet,
 Where we shall kneel together at His feet.

God-speed such brave instructors—gallant men,
 Your lessons have a source of wisdom been;
 May heaven bless your footsteps yet to come,
 Sail on, sail on, to that Bright, Welcome Home.

A. B.

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